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1. Heinz Kessler, member of the Central Council of the FDJ, recently appointed a Generalinspekteur in the HVL, has allegedly been given the assignment of drawing up by June 1951 a complete plan of pre-military training for the FDJ.*
2. The purpose of the plan is to provide a pool of FDJ cadets for eventual service with the Volkspolizei, and particularly for the development of specially screened groups of youths, who will be likely officer candidate material.
3. The special groups will have to undergo complete political indoctrination under the SED training system. Kurt Hager of the SED Party schooling section has been asked to draw up a special political training program for such groups.
4. It is hoped that entire Bereitschaften of FDJ members could eventually be mobilized; the goal is 20 Bereitschaften of about 2,000 men each.

* Comment: There have been recurring rumors since Heinz Kessler's appointment as head of the HVL, that large numbers of FDJ members are being recruited for service with the HVL.

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